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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, UG, UK

SUBJECT: US CITIZENS IN UGANDA

1. BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS ALREADY CONVEYED TO FCO OUR INTEREST IN HAVING THE BENEFIT OF BRITISH EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH IDI AMIN IN SITUATIONS ANALOGOUS TO THAT WHICH NOW FACES US. BRITISH EMBOFF UNDER IMPRESSION THAT JAMES HENNESSEY, UK CHARGE AT TIME OF BREAK IN RELATIONS, IS IN LONDON AND COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR BRIEFING AMEMBASSY LONDON. REQUEST YOU CONTACT FCO WITH VIEW TO ARRANGING IMMEDIATE MEETING WITH HENNESSEY AND/OR OTHER UK OFFICIALS WHO MIGHT HAVE USEFUL GUIDANCE TO PASS ON.

2. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN BRITISH COMMENTS ON AMIN'S PSYCHOLOGY, MOTIVATIONS, AIMS AND ON HOW HE CAN BE INFLUENCED AND BY WHOM OR WHAT. WE ARE FOR INSTANCE OPERATING ON ASSUMPTION THAT ANY SHOW OF FORCE WOULD TRIGGER REPRIALS AGAINST AMCITS RATHER THAN INTIMIDATE

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AMIN. WE ARE SEEKING INTERCESSION WITH AMIN ON BEHALF AMCITS BY OAU CHAIRMAN RAMGOOLAM AND SEC GEN ETEKI; BY PRESIDENTS OF CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, ZAIRE, RWANDA, SOMALIA AND JOINTLY BY PRESIDENTS OF SUDAN, SYRIA AND EGYPT NOW MEETING IN KHARTOUM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BRITISH JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER THESE OR OTHERS MOST LIKELY

INFLUENCE AMIN AND AT WHAT POINT SUCH APPROACHES TO HIM
MIGHT BECOME COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

3. IF HENNESSEY IS AVAILABLE AND FEELS IT WOULD BE USEFUL,
AF/E DIRECTOR POST WHO IS OLD FRIEND WOULD BE PLEASED
MAKE SELF AVAILABLE FOR SECURE TELEPHONE DISCUSSION WITH
HIM.

4. WE HOPE HAVE AVAILABLE INFORMATION FROM BRITISH
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